



**Public Hearing  
CITY OF AUSTIN  
RECOMMENDATION FOR COUNCIL ACTION**

**AGENDA ITEM NO.:** 48  
**AGENDA DATE:** Thu 11/17/2005  
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**SUBJECT:** Set a public hearing to consider an ordinance repealing and replacing Article 5 of Chapter 25-12 of the City Code (*Mechanical Code*) to adopt the 2003 Uniform Mechanical Code and local amendments. (Suggested Date and Time: December 15, 2005 at 6:00 p.m., City Hall Council Chambers, 301 West 2<sup>nd</sup> Street).

**AMOUNT & SOURCE OF FUNDING:** N/A

**FISCAL NOTE:** There is no unanticipated fiscal impact. A fiscal note is not required.

**REQUESTING** Watershed Protection and **DIRECTOR'S**  
**DEPARTMENT:** Development Review      **AUTHORIZATION:** Joe Pantalion

**FOR MORE INFORMATION CONTACT:** Dan McNabb, 974-2752; Dan Garcia, 974-2377; Joan Esquivel, 974-2377

**PRIOR COUNCIL ACTION:** Adopted the 1997 Uniform Plumbing Code with local amendments on February 5, 1998.

**BOARD AND COMMISSION ACTION:** Approved by the Mechanical, Plumbing and Solar Board.

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The Mechanical, Plumbing and Solar Board hears appeals of orders, decisions, or determinations made by the building official under the Mechanical Code. The Board also reviews and makes recommendations on proposed changes to the Mechanical, Plumbing and Solar Energy Codes.

The following recommendations are a result of extensive work by the Board, Staff and stakeholders. The Watershed Protection Development Review Department supports the proposed amendments, which include the following elements:

- Adoption of the 2003 Uniform Mechanical Code which is supported by design professionals and other stakeholders;
- Retention of previously adopted flood plain requirements;
- Continuation of the modern code format and mechanical systems supported by design professionals and stakeholders.
- The Neighborhood Housing and Community Development Department (NHCD) finds that the adoption of the 2003 Uniform Mechanical Code will require multi-family development to meet nationally accepted standards for safety. NHCD finds that adoption of the 2003 Uniform Mechanical Code on balance will have no significant impact on housing affordability.



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Date: July 5, 2005

To: Joe Pantallion, Director  
Watershed Protection and Development Review

From: Paul Hilgers, Director  
Neighborhood Housing and Community Development Department

Subject: Affordability Impact Statement - 2003 Uniform Mechanical Code

The Mechanical, Plumbing and Solar Board is recommending adoption of the 2003 Uniform Mechanical Code with local amendments and the repeal of existing Mechanical Code provisions governing multi-family and commercial construction. The Neighborhood Housing and Community Development found that this action will have no impact on housing affordability for multi-family construction.

The Watershed Protection and Development Review Department and the Neighborhood Housing and Community Development Department will continue to examine opportunities for reducing barriers to housing affordability by surveying surrounding communities that have adopted other mechanical code provisions allowed under Texas law. This survey is expected to be completed as the 2006 editions of mechanical codes are available for public review in the Spring, 2006.

Please let me know if you need additional information.